

U.S. Application No.
09/777,735A
Atty Docket No.
GOEA 01803 PTUS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17-40. These claims are being canceled as the result of a restriction requirement, and will be addressed in divisional applications being filed herewith. A clean copy of the claims is attached hereto.

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE:

Applicant elects to prosecute Invention Group I under this application (Claims 1-16), and to file divisional applications for Invention Groups II (Claims 17-25) and IV (Claims 28-38). Consistent with this election, Applicant deletes Claims 17-40 in this application. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction/election requirement.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all requests made of Applicant in this Office Action have been addressed and Applicant has complied with all requirements made therein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application for early allowance.

Date: June 19, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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